

Matthew Henson Trail -- No. 500400

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Transportation
Public Works & Transportation
Aspen Hill
None.

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Required Adequate Public Facility

March 31, 2004
7-47(04 App)
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	957	0	202	755	230	270	255	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	40	0	0	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
Construction	3,447	0	0	3,447	447	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,444	0	202	4,242	677	1,770	1,795	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	4,444	0	202	4,242	677	1,770	1,795	0	0	0	0
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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				39	0	0	6	11	11	11	0
Energy				3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Program-Staff				80	0	0	11	23	23	23	0
Program-Other				51	0	0	9	14	14	14	0
Net Impact				173	0	0	26	49	49	49	0
Workyears					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to complete the final design and construction of an 8-foot, hard-surface trail located in the Matthew Henson Greenway extending from Georgia Avenue to Alderton Lane, which is denoted as Phase 3 of the entire project and is approximately 2.25 miles. This project also provides for the construction of the trail in Phases 1 and 2, which are 8-foot, hard-surface trails located within the Matthew Henson State Park and extend from Rock Creek Trail to Georgia Avenue (approximately 2 miles). The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the facility planning for this project on April 3, 2003, with the following stipulations:

- 1- The project ecologist will review and evaluate changes to trail design during construction.
- 2- A pedestrian traffic signal should be installed at the intersection of the trail at Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Parkway to provide a safe crossing for trail users.
- 3- M-NCPPC will develop a maintenance plan for the trail and trail corridor which it will maintain.
- 4- Maintenance includes monitoring, maintaining, and restoring native habitat along the trail.
- 5- Periodic updates should be provided to the Planning Board as the trail is designed and constructed to ensure that the Planning Board's concerns about ecological impacts are being addressed.

Service Area

Kensington/Wheaton.

JUSTIFICATION

The Matthew Henson Hard Surface Trail is identified as a top priority trail in the Countywide Plan of Trails that the Planning Board approved in 1998. It will provide an important east-west connection between Rock Creek Trail and Sligo Creek Trail. The hard surface trail system will provide residents of more than 16,000 housing units with an attractive outdoor experience and a new transportation corridor within approximately one mile of their homes.

Plans and Studies

Countywide Park Trails plan adopted by the Planning Board in 1998. In 1997, trail use was the most frequent activity reported by County survey respondents; 67 percent had used paved park trails in the past year. Biking and walking paths topped the respondents' list of desired facilities or greatest facility shortages. The designs of Phase 1 and 2 of the Matthew Henson Trail were funded under the M-NCPPC project Hard Surface Design and Construction (No. 768673). A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicyclists and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) is performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways and other pertinent issues have been considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety. This project is a part of the Executive's Go Montgomery! program.

STATUS

Final design stage.

OTHER

In FY03, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection constructed a stream restoration project in the Turkey Branch Watershed. This project has been coordinated with the Matthew Henson Trail project to decrease environmental impacts. This project will also be coordinated with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. On June 13, 2003, M-NCPPC forwarded a formal legal opinion to the County Council concluding that reimbursement of ALARF is not required for this project.

FISCAL NOTE

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION		MAP
Date First Appropriation	FY04	(\$000)	M-NCPPC		
Initial Cost Estimate		4,444	State Highway Administration		See Map on Next Page
First Cost Estimate			Maryland Department of Natural Resources		
Current Scope	FY04	4,444	Utility Companies		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		4,444	Department of Environmental Protection		
Present Cost Estimate		4,444	Department of Permitting Services		
			Trails: Hard Surface Design and Construction		
Appropriation Request	FY05	4,039			
Appropriation Request Est.	FY06	0			
Supplemental					
Appropriation Request	FY04	0			
Transfer		0			
Cumulative Appropriation		405			
Expenditures/					
Encumbrances		1			
Unencumbered Balance		404			
Partial Closeout Thru	FY02	0			
New Partial Closeout	FY03	0			
Total Partial Closeout		0			

